

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional
application of Serial No. 08/677,187
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Page 63, line 8, delete "is" and insert --may be--.

Page 105, line 6, delete "23-1" and insert --E1-1--;

line 7, delete "23-1" and insert --E1-1--;

line 9, after "23-8" insert --(see Fig. 9)--;

line 10, delete "23-8" and insert --E8-4--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** claims 1-44 and 53-55 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-44 and 53-55 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus claims 45-52 and 56 remain pending in the present Divisional application. These claims were the non-elected claims that were withdrawn from consideration in the parent application. Consideration of claims 45-62 and 56 are respectfully requested and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Abstract, Title, and specification were also amended to conform with similar amendments made in the parent application.

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No further fees are believed necessary for the filing of this Preliminary Amendment.
Nevertheless, please charge any necessary fees due to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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